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A Poor Time for Political Obstructionists.

The Democratic party, under President Willson's leadership, has made up its mind what it wants to do about the tariff. The Underwood bill is the product of careful deliberation. Whatever may be the ultimate effect of the measure on the prosperity of American industries, the Democracy is entitled to make the experiment on which it has courageously staked its political fortunes and future. The bill will be enacted nearly in its present form. Obstructive tactics in the Senate can only prolong the uncertainty of the situation, so far as business is concerned; and nothing could be worse for the country than a prolongation of uncertainty.

We are quite in agreement with the spirit of the warning uttered yesterday by the President to the lobbyists who are swarming in Washington and hoping to bring about a confusion and bemuddlement which will tend to undo what has already been done in the direction of a definite tariff policy. The Senators opposed to the bill have a right to express their dissent in toto or in detail, but dilatory tactics, or talk only for political consumption, or obstructive enterprise, or filibustering of any sort agains the Underwood tariff bill of 1913 is something which an overwhelming majority of the people of the United States the Senate end of the Capitol.

The Resurgent Republican Party.

The reduction to honesty of Republican representation in national conventions, if there are to be more national Progressives this is a genuine improvement. Sweet are the uses of adversity: virtue is alluring when the other course

If the Republican party can learnand it is learning -to face the future in stead of dwelling, as easy circumstances long made it on the past and "pointing with pride' to old achievements, often national, patriotic and essentially garian batteries. From Sofia comes consideration for the feelings of the non-partisan, rather than beekoning the news that troops are being disthe new generation to new conquests, that should be enough. For years it of a surprise attack on the part of the to 1912 no intelligent opposition, who prived of part of the territory which can blame it? It is forced to reform was allotted to them in the ante-bellum For attacking its miserable, scandalous, rotten borough system it deserves praise time not contemplated, and are deand not cynical criticism.

Whatever the present prospects of the that was originally included in the Republican party, it is trying to improve Bulgarian sphere. itself. It is of 1913 and the years to come It has given up mouthing about the

Where Everybody Is a Democrat. According to the Washington despatches to THE SUN the Republican leaders in Washington "are now buoyed up by the programme put through by the executive committee of their National Committee, which assures a national convention early next year, and by the belief that the Democratic tariff will play hob with business."

To the programme good luck! To the belief a solar plexus swat by the event'

A new tariff is likely enough in the interim of uncertainties, cock and bull bring about the loss of the House of London, the patient labors of which sees him in Berlin. We wish the opti-Representatives in the second year of the administration a loss partial and be praised sufficiently, can be counted the administration, a loss natural and common enough anyway from a variety of causes; and any tariff needs time to show its worth or worthlessness. But what Republican wants to see "bad hob played with business?

the worst place in the world to find with our traditional ideals of freedom streams of ichor flow, laughing angels garnered out public opinion in. Is Washington and progress. Any movement, thereout public opinion in. Is Washington and progress. Any movement, therejust as ill a nurse of sound belief? The fore, looking toward a peasantry con- Kaw Havan. Conn. May 26.

business are not made in Washington, menace to the country." bay tree.

Mr. Roosevelt in Marquette.

Mr. ROOSEVELT will enjoy himself to the top of his bent in Michigan, where he is prosecuting his libel suit; and the 76 flocking to him of so many of his old friends from Cowbovia, of some of whom he writes so charmingly in last week's Outlook, will not be the least of his pleasures, whereof he has a trust or combination probably exceeding in variety and extent those of any other citizen of the United States or anywhere else

Yet Mr. ROOSEVELT's triumphal invasion of the Wolverines must not make ius forget its pitiful cause. All the newspapers remember the assiduity through newsdealer or directly of Publication with which certain fanatics, mainly of the West, if we remember, tried to force upon them fantastic tales of his "drunkenness." These tales, as full of convic tion to a sane reader as the prospectuses of perpetual motion or "the Spanish prisoner," seemed to be written by men who believed in them; who were ready to believe the wildest breath of Bedlam so long as it was emitted from Dry lungs. Mr. ROOSEVELT'S unpardonable sin was that he was a temperate man and not a total abstainer.

What excesses of milk Mr. ROOSEVELT may have committed, what magical process he may possess for changing it into milk punch in his too healthy insides, the Marquette trial may show. Dr. LYMAN ABBOTT is also on trial, if not formally. He is known to refresh himself at times and most moderately, probably as a matter of principle, with the unfermented child of malt and hops. He, too, like temperance, will have to

"submit to the ordeal" at Marquette. If the ludicrous aspect of the charges is most evident to folks of reason, it has its serious, its unwholesome side. A whole series of loathsome calumnies relating to the private life of candidates for President comes to mind. The credulity of abject partisanship has formed, and will keep on forming, legends which, considering the presumed softening of manners and growth of intelligence, are more dishonoring to the age they appear in than those of Jewish ritual child murder in the Middle Ages or contemporary Russia.

Some charges are not to be excused by the heat of campaigns; that too may have its average and its temperance of intemperance. Mr. ROOSEVELT has no need to defend himself against intemperance of drink. Something his vigor may do to impress reason on the unreasonable and curb cranks too exuberant. Still, it is a state of mind that is guilty of the libel which he complains of; and hellebore, rather than fine and imprisonment, might be prescribed.

Squabbling Over the Spoils.

Somewhat belatedly the experts who old us at the beginning of the Balkan war that the allies would never hold together are apparently being justified of their wisdom, although they were very are in no mood to tolerate; and it is just far from predicting the cause that would as well that the main fact should be produce dissension among the four Powout and in its place we shall hear conof tree surgery is indispensable.

Now the farmer long ago learned that it as well that the main fact should be produce dissension among the latter of the produce dissension and political states of a political state of the latter o essful in their military operations as of hostilities there would probably have thus been no quarrelling over the distribution of the spoils. The complete collapse of Turkey and the acquisition of territory that had never been contemconventions, should have been brought plated in their most sanguine anticiabout years ago. Aside from immedia pations is the occasion of the present ate disputes between Republicans and triangular squabble between Greece,

Servia and Bulgaria. From recent despatches, contradictory as they are in many respects, there seems no doubt that there have been serious clashes between Greek and Bulgarian troops in the neighborhood of Salonica, assuming almost the proposed at strategic points in anticipation has lived by rote. Meeting from 1896 Servians. The latter have been deitself. No party does so voluntarily, agreement on account of the formation of an Albanian state, which was at that manding compensation from territory

If the allies were left to themselves there seems little doubt that Bulgaria party that freed the slaves; and in the would have to face a joint attack from old slave States it wishes to rest no Greece and Servia, in which bellicose the undying race of ignorants who believe longer upon a fiction. It wants to be Montenegro might be expected to join, that any Salem witch or wizard was honest in the South, it wants to be hon- It is hardly possible, however, that the burned. European Powers, who have displayed in the Scutari question an unsuspected capacity for agreeing upon a common take place. Statesmen like M. GUES-HOFF, M. PASHITCH and M. VENEZELOS. who have exhibited in the last twelve months a sagacity that commanded the respect of Europe, must realize that a war between the allies over the division of the spoils must inevitably result in intervention by the great Powers and in probable loss by all of the States concerned of territory that their arms

The American Peasant.

upon to pave the way for a settlement.

President THOMPSON of the Ohio State times" made a Republican instead of a University told the New Hampshire artistic and gastronomic delight, nor Charlest Democratic argument and opportunity? College of Agriculture that "the Ameri- s Democratic argument and opportunity? College of Agriculture that "the Americal Research and State of the College of Agriculture that "the Americal Research and State of the Rate of the R ican farmer whose life and ideals are An old proverb says that Washington thoroughly American and consistent

elements and essentials of thriving dition on the American farms is

and the Republican leaders forget that | In addition to his worries about robsubstantially the whole country is ber middlemen and iniquitous railroads Democratic—if they are unwise enough must the farmer carry about with him of education of the Progressive National to commit themselves to the gospel of called this Banquo's ghost of "peasantry" and service is to issue an annotated edicated direct nominations and on account called the property in hoping that business under cruel, absenter, landlords? Have all tion of the progressive National called direct nominations and on account of his well recognized high character and calamity-in hoping that business under cruel absentee landlords? Have all tion of the party's platform has caused the new tariff will flourish like a green those old mortgages been paid off for much speculation in the sombrero belt nothing? Will these college presidents and in the black belt. It is stated that bring back the almost forgotten night-set Bullock and Dynamite Pete are of the farmer's wife, the sale of the old reed organ at auction to pay the interest on the mortgage? Why mock interest on the mortgage? Why mock interest on the mortgage? Why mock is the seminary of the interest of good government, many of our citizens without any knowledge of their own on the subject have concluded somewhat charginage their own on the subject have concluded that it is stated that many of our citizens without any knowledge of their own on the subject have concluded that direct nominations are essential to the betterment of political conditions by siving to the individual voter, as they have likewise there are loud complaints, so it been led to suppose, a larger voice in the gentility with its past?

Our American "peasantry" wears emotional orations that he would rather have been "a French peasant and have worn wooden shoes" than to have been NAPOLEON. Were the Corsican NAPO-LEON alive to see an American "peasant" pushing his cork shoes against the people are "the slaves" of tariff barons, it may pay the farmer "to work this side the knights of the grip.

Reforming Salt Speech.

All persons whose sensibilities have been shocked by the language of rude the Navy now has the opportunity of a symbols G. W. P. lifetime to emulate the immortal example of his great predecessor Sir JOSEPHUS PORTER, K. C. B., who replease" when giving directions to their

It has been gravely and sensibly urged that the substitution of "right" and "left" for "starboard" and "port" makes it much easier for inexperienced men to learn to steer. How many other end in view? For example, it is surely three languages besides English." The great gun drill bark sharply out the command "Silence!" How much more amiable and intelligible it would be for him to say, "Gentlemen, will you kindly

come to order?" The next command has heretofore been "Cast loose and provide!" This is even more Delphic than "port" and "starboard," and has also a rude twang. How much prettier it would be to say, "Friends, prepare the gun for operation and fetch the accessories." Let us hope, ale too, that there will be consistency in what has already been done and that one will hear in the silent watches of the night some such dialogue as this

I beg your pardon, sir, but I see a light 'In what direction, if you please?

Two points off the right hand how One shudders as he recalls the brusque

are now carried on Masthead there!

Aye, aye, sir. How does that light bear new Right abeam sir

All such unpolished talk will be ruled equal to those of WALTER SAVAGE LANthey hoped to be before the outbreak DOR. The foregoing will be rendered

"Friend JONES, are you awake"

dicular to the line of the ship's keel

Yes, indeed, sir. "Well, then, will you kindly tell me is what direction you now see that light? "The line of its direction, sir, is perpen-

quated, rude and inexact talk of the which any landlubber in or out of the Navy Department can understand; and portions of a pitched battle. At Kavala all commands, instructions and directhe Greek fleet was fired upon by Bul- tions will be issued with tenderest wearers of the blue jacket. Let us all Mr. Hinshaw is a good singer and an artist, sary publication of their attempts at deception. Low out vests, fluted starched shirts PORTER has not been consigned to eter- an agriculturist or a fruit grower nal oblivion.

> Baseball by aeroplane .- Headling A humane scheme for umpires

Mr. HERBERT KAUFMAN in an excellen prose poem, "The Dirge of Doubt," published by the Woman's World, illustrated the dubious character of his protagonist

"I lit the faggots for the witches of Salem." It is delicious to find "Doubt" positive and asserting this ancient untruth. Her faggots never caught fire. They should be used to heat temperately but firmly

Mrs PANEHURST, as she left the police court on her way to jail, declared her in-tention of "hunger striking" until she dies mentary vote. Despatch from London.

The cat and mouse law seems to give the Government an advantage in its warmitted to die of hunger, and she can be returned to jail from time to time until of War. I can positively say that the

This peace and disarmament busin perfectly simple. All that is required is to persuade the German Emperor to reduce his armaments and get him to have conquered. The differences now ask other rulers to do the same. The existing between the allies present the credit for this original idea belongs to clearest possible case for arbitration, ANDREW CARNEGIE, who intends to sugand the ambassadors' conference in gest the plan to the War Lord when he mistic ANDREW all the success that the

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Norfolk nor Richmond has the right to celebrate the discovery-it was not invented-of the mint julep. No, not even the Wattersonian village of ery; somewhere in the azure sky, where pearls

THE MOOSE KORAN.

Various Speculations as to Who Will Be

is said, from "the best white men in the contribute the chapter on why and when Our American "peasantry" wears contribute the chapter on why and when to capitalize this sentiment, surpatent leather shoes. Colonel ROBERT blackbirds turn white by migrating to be held by a majority of the voters. INGERSOLL once said in one of his more the North. In short there is widespread speculation among the faithful as to what interpreters?

Some say that "Mr." Munsey was asked to write the letter "A" for the new en cyclopædia until he gave his interpretabrakes in his devil wagon he might agree | tion of the word "amalgamation." But after | struig with Ingersoll. Still, as the plain he had freely expressed his unorthodox meanings all hands agreed that he would never do. His manuscript was marked zero and thrown out together with the of the street "himself, as they say among writer. Such a reactionary scholar must go where he belongs.

Rumor has it that there is to be a serious contribution signed by the mysterious initials G. W. P. Who can be be? No matter; his elaborate annotation on seafaring men will be grateful to the the chapter entitled "Stubs" (not Red Hon. JOSEPHUS DANIELS, Secretary of Stubbs of Kansas but the stubs in old the Navy, for his firm stand in the matter | check books) is said to be one of the most of steering terms. But they will hope to see him advance much further in the Where Down Certified Notes; or Where Down Co. Its subcorrection of the many abuses of speech Is Spent?" Seah Bullock says be hears which prevail on board ships. Polite- that the chapter headed "When the Reapness is certainly not practised on deck ers Cease from Reaping and the Harvestor below hatches, and the Secretary of ers Are Content" is also signed by the

For a long time the editors of the new to his fitness for a definite task. It is to be a disquisition on "social justice," enleaves declare this to be the most complex chapter in the Moose Koran.

Finally the announcement states that changes could be made with the similar "the prospectus will be issued in at least a shock to the nerves of the youth who reason for this, so it is understood, is to rates as "landsman" to hear an officer at give that able polyglot the Hon. William Flinn of Pittsburg an adequate opportunity to express his views on "Platform Principles; When They Are Practical and When They Are Ideal."

ROADSIDE FRUIT TREES. Farmers Remember That Humanity Is Still Subject to Adam's Fall.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN- Sir: Consuggestion that instead of elms and maple Hinshaw imagines, result in "a pic ture of sweet effulgence." On the con-trary, any one familiar with country life knows that fruit trees planted along the to tops and become infested with that eve myself, nothing mars my enjoy

ment of a ride or stroll through the countr quite so much as unsightly rows of ness with which such dialogues as this untrimmed fruit trees bedecked with the are now carried on: No one should raise fruit who does not know how to care for the trees. Not only must they be carefully pruned but the must be sprayed at least twice a season The ground up to a certain distance from

the more potent reason for the abandon weakness of the human will to resist tempta tion thrust, as it were, under its very nose for in this respect we are all children of our historic ancestor. And can we blame the nimble, barefoot schoolboy, who at least twice daily on his way to school must pass It is only a question of time when this these sentinels of temptation, if he pluck kind of speech will supplant the anti- a luscious, rosy checked apple, adroitly concealing it in his dinner pail? God wot that the stick was hard that kept him from climb-

ittle care and add much to the beauty of e country and from which no mischievous and hungry schoolboy can get the coli-GEORGE H. PARTRIDGE.

GOTVERNEUR, May 26. GREEK MILITARY HOSPITALS.

An American Nurse Reports Favorably on Their Management. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

ing visited many military hospitals in Euadvanced in the organization of both temporary and permanent war hospitals especially those of her Majesty Queen So

The Second Military is the largest hospita in Greece. It has good sanitary conditions, clean and good supervision and fairly good nursing, which is done by the soldiers. They have in Athens one hospital called the First Military. There are many attractive tents temporarily attached to it for the wounded soldiers. Most of the war hospitals are under the patronage of her policy, would allow such a conflict to or the Government gives women the parlia-take place. Statesmen like M. Gres. mentary vote.—Despatch from London. desses Helena, Maria and Alice. I have worked for the benefit of the Greek

soldiers for seven months and in one of the largest temporary hospitals for Queen Sophia: also as supervisor of one of the military medical hospitals for the Minister Greek people are very kind in their treat-ment of wounded and sick soldiers. Greece deserves a great deal of credit for her management of the temporary wa hospitals. A great difficulty they have had to contend with was the poor water supply at Preveza. Gallipolis. Eminigia and Bis-(Miss) DYNAGH W. DOLAN. JANINA, May 8.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: It is m

DIRECT PRIMARIES.

A Suggestion That the Election District The Moral Tone of Modern French Caucus Be a Legal Institution.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN- SIT: Be cause Justice Hughes when Governor advois said, from "the best white men in the South," because they were not asked to both parties have ever since been trying tion

The present primary law went through under the guise of direct primary legisla-tion, but its actual as well as its intended effect is to strengthen the hold of those their deposition more difficult than under the old plan of the election district caucus

Formy own part, though I was attached to Governor Hughes for various reasons, his advocacy of direct nominations was not one of them, and I still believe that The first step in bringing about this result

the times set by law when it must be called. notice prescribed by law mailed to each enrolled voter, and the public schools, where each election district could have a class room assigned to it, or some other place For a long time the editors of the new of meeting designated by law, with a pro-series did not know what task to assign viso that it could not be the Assembly disto Amos. But after his recent epistle to trict club house. Each election district Patrick Quinlan on "Official Anarchy" and could be absolutely self-governing and non-enclosing a soothing \$500 to insure "a inate its own officers and delegates. To formed the customs of the British navy enclosing a soothing \$500 to insure "a mate its own officers and delegates. To by compelling officers to say "If you square deal," there is now no question as didates to be voted upon at the primary election and also to insure the attendance be a disquisition on "social justice," en-at the meeting of all factions, where there titled "How to Have No Sympathy for the was any diversity of sentiment in a district, tise any special offenders, but advise those I. W. W. and Yet Help Them Materially it could be provided that in addition to ma-Along." Those who have seen the loose jority candidates selected by the meeting minority candidates would also have their names printed upon the official primary ballot on the certificate of the secre-tary of the meeting to the Board of Elec-tions that such minority candidates had received in the meeting not less than one-fourth of the whole number of votes can. received in the meeting not less than one-fourth of the whole number of votes cast. The officers and delegates thus selected

be the Assembly district representative in

the larger councils of the party. has done much to bring about.

If 75 per cent, of the enrolled voters answered the call to the election district meeting officers and delegates could be chosen BROOKLYN, May 24. ing officers and delegates could be chosen who would unquestionably represent the sentiment of the voters by whom they were

Recommendations that the nomination of this or that candidate be favored would be faithfully carried out and no power in the larger councils of the party could pre vent the renomination of an Assemblyman for instance, who had well satisfied the vot-ers of his district; and no such power could compel the nomination of a cand date whom they did not want. Would not this be all that the most perfect system of direct nom-

inations could be expected to bring about?

JOHN J. SHERIDAN. BROOKLYN, May 26

Splender and Permanent Jovenility of

Its Ancient Swells. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SIR the week's festivities of Greenwich Village fifty years ago were visible. pluck were invaded by foreigners, when the vilfirmly believed themselves to be younger

they had none, wrinkled brows and crows commendable, that every man plant trees feet were framed by deep brown or blacalong his roadside let him plant the stately wigs, whose sleckness assisted in the betrayal of age. Their mustaches were flercely waxed and dyed deep black, except at the roots, from which hair starts, and at this point they were gray, an unnecesimitation diamond stickpins, banjo shaped slant on tied hows at the neck. Albert coats with flower in buttonbole very tight boots and slender ivory handler canes almost completed the vision to which they treated the universe.

Few men were exempt from the slavery of chewing tobacco in those days, and the by the appearance of their shirt fronts and a halo of waste products around their lips. Most of them were also smokers and shuff takers, which red or blue handker-chiefs couldn't conceal. But eyeglasses r spectacles; never, sir! No such mark of age; and they fell up curbs, down cellar ways, collided with lampposts, and were run over in Joyous exhilaration of defiance of passing years. A gay, gray and now NEW YORK, May 26.

The White Fort.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIP. an old Greenwich Villager in THE SUN may war of 1812 a fort, known officially as the North Battery but more familiarly as the "Red Fort," because of the fact that it was built of Newark red stone, was ered the Hudson River just off the foot of Hubert street and directly opposite the "late la-mented" St. John's Park, which in turn was

directly opposite the venerable St. John's

If the old fort were still in existence t would probably be one of those places that "strangers within our gates" would always visit when on a trip to this city, but as Mayo Westervelt once said, "It has never been a serious characteristic of our forefathers o observation that man's politeness to women Manhattan Island to hold in preservation varies with the hours of the day. A man who any prominent relic, eacred or venerable varies with the hours of the day. A man who holds his seat and keeps right on reading his newspaper with a woman standing in front of him going down town in the subway in the morning may promptly and politely give up his seat to a woman going up town at night. In the morning he appears to take a purely business view, at night one more companionable.

Perhaps this different view that he takes at night is due to the fact that his work is now done for the day and he has now time to think and to look around him: it may be that he feels better now after a good dinner; or he may be now accompanying to the theatre a lady to whom he desires to appear as a perfect gentleman; but whatever the prompting, men are certainly more ready to give up their seats to women at night than in the morning.

A Business Woman.

RAWSON W. HADDON NEW YORK, May 26.

TWO LITERATURES.

German Compared.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN the moral tone of modern German literature unquestionably sincere purpose to pro-mote the interest of good government, when naturalism ruled supreme in the many of our citizens without any knowledge novels published in Paris, when five of

Nowadays a whole literature has grow up in France, clean and sound in though So far no workable system that would cautious and delicate in expression, ever bring about the desired result has been put if occasionally touching unpleasant topics persons are to write the exegesis of the in operation and it would seem as if it were new Moose Koran? Who are to be the expecting too much of human nature to think that leaders of either party as now Henry Bordeaux, all the later novels of constituted would do anything that would Paul Bourget and Maurice Barres this jeopardize their own tenure, and even beautiful "Colette Baudoche" for one Governor Sulzer's campaign in behalf of belong in this class. Such of Anatol direct primaries can hardly be regarded as France's stories as his very latest "The Gods Athirst"-and several others, do not. But any teacher, guardian or parent has but the embarrassment of wealth in pick-ing out wholesome French novels of high literary merit.

As a teacher who has had charge of hun-dreds of American boys and girls, as far as their training in French and German was concerned, and who still receives scores of letters every year asking for advice in kindred mat-ters, I should be grateful for some names of modern German povelists that anything like equal the Frenchmen mentioned above district system the individual voter can to whom I might justly have added Paul Acker, René Boylesve and still three or the election of his party's candidates than four, in the union of moral soundness with artistic finish. I cannot accept Hauptmann and Sudermann. would be to make the election district cau-cus, as it has been called, a legal institution, tion for the Nobel prize, his later plays and all of his novels -- "Atlantis" is a fair speci men, and what a dreadful one!—are vastly inferior. Sudermann is something of a toke in Germany his technical eleverness and literary worthlessness are insisted on by most competent critics, Maximilian Harden among others, while in America he is lectured on and "interpreted" by sage profes-sors before trusting ladies. His novels are less meretricions than his plays, but not

suffers as a rule from an overdose of "sexual or "erotic" matter. I shall not here adver interested to peruse the articles on Ger man (and Austrian) Herature in those supplementary volumes to Meyer's "Konver-sationslexikon" which are published an "modern": so excellent an author as Enrice would be directly responsible to the voters of their districts, all of whom would have had the opportunity to be present and have a voice in the proceedings.

The office of Handel-Mazetti, the star novelist of the Deutsche Rundschau and one of the few who justify Mr. Rachofsky's praise, a voice in the proceedings. a voice in the proceedings.

The Assembly district organization would be composed of the board of presidents of "advanced" critics are constrained to admit the election districts of the Assembly dis-trict and the chairman of that board would ity in modern German fiction.

of the superior morality of their literature To wield any influence in party affairs un-der any system the individual voter must take upon himself some of the burdens of the superior morality of their interaction has always been an empty boast. Many of Paul Heyse's short stories are charming, not a few have a very unhealthy tone. active participation, not leaving all the work to be done by officeholders and aspirwork to be done by officeholders and aspirin their countless vulgar love affairs? Fritz
in their countless vulgar love affairs? Fritz witty epigram, which I advise Mr. Rachof

INEFFICIENT POSTAL SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUS-Sir: I read with approval the editorial in THE SC condemning the Post Office Department for its order stopping the delivery of Sunday mail. As you said, the Department seems to be run for the comfort and convenience of the employees and not in the

interest of the general public. I would like to have you give greater publicity to another shortcoming which a little thought on the part of the various under proper arrangements is made awk-ward and difficult by the location of the onder if among the ancient exhibits during window for weighing the packages and

> A person unskilled in post office management, but possessing a little common sense would naturally think that if it were neces receive the package at another, the tw windows respectively should be side by side or as near as possible to each other.

> I find there are very few offices where this is the case. In most of them a considerable distance separates the windows amounting in one instance, I recall, to several hundred feet.

> It seems as if the officials had actually tried to make the mailing of these parcels as difficult and annoying an operation

> I trust that TRE SUN will not cease it partment. It certainly needs it for its own ood and the benefit of the public.
> PITTSBURG, Pa., May 25 F. A. WILLIS.

RECKLESS MUNICIPAL CARS. A Complaint Against Official Automobile

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SO. automobilist who must daily meet the requirements of traffic regulations, as well as contend with the angry comments of pedes trians who feel that the automobile is their natural enemy, I desire to enter a protest. The Commissioner was also decid against the reckless and unnecessarily fas driving of the cars belonging to the city.

A few days since there was reported a lits department. "The men on the form was returning from the repair shop. True the accident may have been unavoidable, but the urgency of the case certainly did not require that the car should have been travelling at the rate of speed reported. On Friday I was crossing the 145th street bridge in my auto, going to The Bronx, when a car marked D. W. S. 28228 came up behind me, passed on the right hand side, going at the rate of at least thirty-five miles an not have been the "Red Fort, "painted white at the rate of at least thirty-five miles ar mayhap in honor of its old age? Before the hour, crossed over to the left hand side o the street and pursued its reckless career regardless of all regulations or sense of lecency until it disappeared from view.

Now it is from such driving as this that

the walking public derive their resentment for all automobilists, and surely the example of an official car ruthlessly breaking the civil service men to hold an examithe driving ordinances does not inspire nation for adaptability that would mean respect for them in the ranks of those whose cars do not bear the magic letters of city departments, which seems to allow them New York, May 26. EDWARD C. PODVIN.

Protection From Polson

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The most important lesson in the Walker tragedy is that tablets of bichloride of mercury and similar substances for external use should be put in a

NEW YORK, May 24.

POLICE FORCE GROWS BETTER, SAYS WALDO

Commissioner Thinks His New Men Improve Conditions in Department.

EVILS DUE TO POLITICS

Doesn't Fear Old Graft Traditions Will Cause Contamination Now.

Looking back over the we of two years-and they have been to very busy and at times turbulent ve -Commissioner Waldo reviewed work of his department, outlin changes of administration and high terms of the character and effi-

ciency of the men under him, in an it terview printed in THE EVENTS yesterday. The Commissioner touched on pratically every question pertinent to t "police situation" (as it is general called) excepting that of graft it is known that he is dealing with the perplexing problem in his own way, eliminating the possibility of members of the force giving protection to crim inals. It is a slow process, but the in close touch with police affairs ins

that it is already taking marked e fect. of Commissioner Waldo's incumbency shows that he has made fourteen spectors; has promoted forty-four m o the captaincy; has named 115 lies tenants and 259 sergeants. 1,466 patrolmen have been added to the since he took control. In regard to the character of these men the Com missioner spoke in high praise, stat ing that the average is at least a good as that of any similar number of cit

The department, he said, is now di vided into two distinct groups - these who prevent crime and those who de tect it after it has been committed.

"Undoubtedly the system of spreaing detectives throughout the cit where each man will have a workinknowledge of his neighborhood, has had its good effect," he said. "Men unde chief detective are assigne to each precinct. Then these precinc forces are in turn under the inspectio district detective heads. Their busine s to know the localities."

Under the old regime, the detectives reported daily at Headquarters. There they passed before the daily of crooks, getting only a brief gland at them, and often forgetting the facthey saw. They had no opportunity, a they have now, of getting to know woone locality, of seeing constantly peop whom they have reason to believe v bear watching, and of making acquain ances which often prove invaluable Specialization, too. explained, has crept into the Police De partment just as it has in other organizations and businesses, althou not carried to such extremes as

European cities. "Detectives," he plained, "are liable to be sent or their districts when crimes with they are familiar crop up. Men the financial district naturally would be sent to look up a crime in a final of the city it might occur. While Italian squad, so called, is not now dished. The men who compose do their work just the same and

"As for detection of crime, there are only two ways to go about it, either themselves-the 'stool pigeon' systemor by association with criminals. Be ov wouldbe reformers. There was a indesirable feature to the stool pigeystem as practised in the old days. that it practically gave the inform a certain license. This is not permitted

Turning to a discussion of the ca of the men under him the Comm doner said emphatically that the lor was good and getting better all time. The new men, he thought. done much to raise the standard N did he fear that the old evils and the ditions that existed in the departmen would have any great effect on the

new men by way of contamination "Those evil practices were in co formity with the general political racality of the times," he said. "You ca hardly say that the cylls began in the department. The men in the depart ment then conformed to a certain co of morals that they saw set up a around them. In time the standard morals has changed. Reforms always take time. There has been a gradue change for good and this will continu It is the logical outcome of the

The Commissioner was also decided

of the opinion that local politics has

been banished from the workings pointments or promotions. All the at pointments I have made have he strictly from the civil service lists "If a commissioner were able to s outside of the order of the candidate presented by the civil service he s be always open to suspicion, no matter how conscientious he was. Of course there are times when a man from the lists comes up for appointment and while there is nothing against him the ommissioner knows from his genera knowledge of the department that the candidate has not all the requirements a lot in the way of promoting men who

REUNION AT GETTYSBURG 25,000 New York Veterans to "

serve Anniversary in July missioners of the Gettysburg Batt of this city that veterans of the North and

diamond shape instead of the regular form used indiscriminately for medicinal tablets of every kind.

The ever increasing use of tablets, which is encouraged by the manufacturers of proprietary and pharmaceutical compounds, should have suggested this step long ago.

It should be made compulsory if it is not done woluntarily.

No amount of care in separating medicine for external and internal use will prevent such accidents as the one referred to, but an entire change in the shape and contour of a poisonous and a non-poisonous tablet will in time effectually guard against it.

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